been granted 'Approved Lab' status by the Food and Drug Administration, U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the number of such companies including their names;

(c) the procedure by which Indian Pharmaceutical Companies can register themselves as 'Approved Labs' in USA to augment export; and

(d) whether such companies gain any specific advantage by such listing by the U.S.F.D.A.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) The manufacturing units located outside USA are registered for the purpose of exports to that counter under United States Federal Laws. The Food and Drug Administration, USA send their Inspectors to carry out such inspections on the basis of the application filed by the companies under United States Federal Laws. The Central or State Drugs Control Authorities are not involved in such inspections. Information about companies registered by USA as 'Approved Labs' is not maintained.

World Bank Loan to Fight Malaria

4070. SHRI GOV1NDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a comprehensive action plan to fight malaria with the assistance of $200 million World Bank loan;

(b) if so, details of the project formulated, areas to be covered State-wise, scale of financing the programme, contents strategy of implementation etc. and allocations to the States during 1997—98 especially to Maharashtra; and

(c) targets set for 1997—98 under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) A Malaria Control Project with World Bank support has been formulated with special emphasis on:—

— Early Diagnosis and Prompt treatment
__ Selective Vector Control
— Personal Protection Methods
— Epidemic Planning and Rapid Response including intersectoral coordination.
— Institutional and human resource development including:—

i) Training
ii) Management Information System
iii) Information, Education and Communication (IEC)
iv) Operational Research.

The core Project areas cover 100 districts which are reported increased *P. falciparum* incidence, deaths due to malaria and are predominantly triabts inhabited in the seven Peninsular States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan. In addition, 19 towns/ cities in the country which have high endemicity of malaria are also covered in the Project. Components relating to Training, Management Information System, Information, Education and Communication of the Project covers the entire country.

The total cost of the Project has been estimated at Rs. 891.04 crores. International Development Association will provide Credit which will meet around 85% of the total cost net of taxes and the remaining cost will be met by the Government of India.

During 1997-98, a provision of Rs. 200 crores has been proposed in the plan Budget Estimates for implementation of the proposed project and the National Programmes which largely cater for other areas of the country including non project areas. The Central Govt, essentially

provides specific insecticides, larvicides and drugs to the malaria endemic States on a 50:50 pattern of assistance.

Propagation of Ayurveda Tours in Foreign Countries

4071. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the News Times dated 23rd March, 1997, captioned "India fails to respond to ayurveda tours";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to organise and propagate for ayurveda tours in foreign countries like Germany, Japan and the U.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Some private Institutions and NGOs are providing Ayurvedic Yoga and Naturopathy treatment to Indians and foreigners on payment of fees, for example, the Ayurvcdashala Kottakal, Kerala, Vivekanand Yoga Kendra, Bangalore and Jindal Institute of Naturopathy, Bangalore. Steps to attract foreigners by way of Ayurvedic tours have not been taken in a planned and coordinated manner, so far by State/ Central Government.

(c) There is no such proposal with the Department at present.

Evolving a transfer policy for employees of electronic media

4072. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a permanent transfer policy for transfer of officers in all the electronic media centres and departments especially in Doordarshan, All India Radio and D.A.V.P. etc.;

(b) if so, whether it has been laid down in the policy that employees could not be posted in an office at a place/city for more than five years and he/she has to be transferred to some other place after completing the above period;

(c) the number alongwith other details of employees working in Ahmedabad and Rajkot Doordarshan and All India Radio Stations who have been there for more than five years; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken for their transfer?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) There are general policy guidelines governing transfer which are observed subject to exigencies of situations and interests of the organizations.

(b) The transfer policy provides a tenure of 4 years in Doordarshan and 5 years in AIR. However, this tenure is not mandatory as explained in part (a) above.

(c) According to the information supplied by the DG, AIR and DG, Doordarshan, 2 Group 'A' and 22 Group 'B' officers have been at Ahmedabad and 3 Group 'A' and 9 Group 'B' officers at Rajkot for more than 5 years.

(d) The principles enunciated in the transfer policy are only guiding in nature and it is not mandatory to transfer every officer immediately on completing the prescribed tenure at a particular Station. The transfers/postings of Group 'A' and Group 'B' officers are considered on completion of their tenure subject to exigencies of service.